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SUBJECT: SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOS CONFERENCE

REF: CARACAS 3599/USUN 1508

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES SECURITY CONCERNS OF GOV AND
CONCURS WITH AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING UTILIZA-
TION OF U.S. SECURITY EXPERTISE TO ASSIST HOST GOVERNMENT
SECURITY OFFICIALS IN PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE.

2. IN OUR OWN INTEREST AND IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION CONTAINED
USUN 1508, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT UN SECURITY EXPERTISE
BE UTILIZED, THAT WE NOT TAKE ANY STEPS WHICH WILL TRANSFER
TO USG OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONFERENCE SECURITY,
AND THAT USG ROLE BE A DISCREET ONE WHICH WILL AVOID
IMPARTING ANY US-SPONSORED ASPECT TO CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE.

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3. AT SAME TIME, IT IS CLEARLY IN INTEREST OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH VENEZUELA TO BE COOPERATIVE, POSITIVE , AND FORTHCOMING IN RESPONSE TO APPROACH WHICH AMBASSADOR HAS REPORTED FROM RANKING CABINET MEMBERS OF GOC.

4. TO THESE ENDS, DEPARTMENT PROPOSES FOLLOWING:

A. TEAM OF FAA, SY PERSONNEL FROM WASHINGTON PREPARED TO VISIT CARACAS AT EARLY DATE TO ADVISE AND

COORDINATE AIRPORT SECURITY WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS BEFORE CONFERENCE BEGINS. FAA HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS COOPERATE FULLY, BUT IT WOULD FACILITATE CONSIDERATION THIS ASPECT IF EMBASSY COULD ASCERTAIN AND REPORT INTENTION OR DISPOSITION OF GOC TO REIMBURSE ANY COST INVOLVED.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS IN CARACAS TO CONSULT WITH POLICE CONCERNING LOCAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING RESIDENCE/HOTEL SECURITY, TRAVEL ROUTE SECURITY, PERSONAL PROTECTION DIGNITARIES, AND

SECURITY IN PROXIMITY OF CONFERENCE SITE. ROLE WOULD BE DISCREET AND ADVISORY ONLY. MORE ACTIVE ROLE ENVISAGED FOR OPS PERSONNEL WITH RESPECT SPECIFICALLY TO USDEL.

C. STATE TECHNICAL SY OFFICER WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO ASSIST IN TECHNICAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR US DELEGATION, COORDINATION WITH LOCAL BOMB DISPOSAL UNITS AND EXAMINATION LETTERS, PACKAGES, ETC. SENT TO US DELEGATION VIA LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MAIL.

D. TWO RSO'S CARACAS WOULD BE USED AS CENTRAL COORDINATORS FOR OVERALL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR US DELEGATION AND TO ADVISE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AND LOCAL POLICE BEFOREHAND REGARDING SECURITY AT OR NEAR CONFERENCE SITE.

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E. IF ADVISABLE, REQUESTED BY CONFERENCE AUTHORITIES AND APPROVED BY USG IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPING CIRCUMSTANCES, A/SY WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED SUPPLY OFFICER TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED IN CONFERENCE SECURITY WHO COULD FUNCTION IN CAPACITY OVERALL SECURITY COORDINATOR FOR SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT CONFERENCE SITE. OFFICER SELECTED WOULD DRAW ON EXPERIENCES GAINED DURING OAS MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

IN WASHINGTON AND ATLANTA.

5- IF FOREGOING CONCURRED IN BY AMBASSADOR, DEPARTMENT

WILL PROCEED COORDINATE WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICES AND OTHER
U.S. AGENCIES INVOLVED AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS
IN SUBSEQUENT CABLES.

6. UNLESS EMBASSY AND USUN OBJECT, REFERENCED TELEGRAMS
ARE DOWNGRADED TO SECRET TO FACILITATE COORDINATION
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